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NOTE BY THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE TWENTY-FIRST REGIONAL MEETING
OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES OF STATES PARTIES IN EASTERN EUROPE
(ONLINE)
22 – 23 JUNE 2022**

1. On behalf of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), the Director-General wishes to invite the representatives of National Authorities to attend the Twenty-First Regional Meeting of National Authorities of States Parties in Eastern Europe, which will be held online from 22 to 23 June 2022.
2. This regional meeting of National Authorities will serve as a forum in which the States Parties discuss needs, priorities, actions taken, and best practices in relation to the implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention (hereinafter “the Convention”) at national and regional levels.
3. The purpose of the meeting is to facilitate the exchange of information and views on:
 - (a) OPCW capacity-building support for the implementation of obligations under Articles VI, VII, X, and XI;
 - (b) tools available in support of the submission of timely and accurate declarations, as well as updated information about OPCW inspections;
 - (c) policy-related issues, including the process of preparation for the Fifth Review Conference;¹ and
 - (d) OPCW approaches to broaden geographic representation among OPCW staff and the role of National Authorities in this respect.
4. The expected results of the meeting include: ensuring that participants are provided with relevant and updated information on the status of the implementation of the Convention in the region; enhancing participants’ understanding of potential follow-up actions and best practices of States Parties in relation to the implementation of the Convention; and further strengthening participants’ understanding of specific issues related to Articles VI, VII, X, and XI of the Convention and the respective support provided by the Technical Secretariat.

¹ The Fifth Special Session of the Conference of the States Parties to Review the Operation of the Chemical Weapons Convention.



5. The meeting will last two days and participants are expected to attend both days. The meeting will be conducted in English. All participants are therefore expected to have good oral and written command of English.
6. Interested National Authority representatives are invited to register online **between 16 April and 13 May 2022 (the latest)** through Eventus, the OPCW event management system (<https://apps.opcw.org/eventus>). Each application must be endorsed digitally on the Eventus platform by the nominee's respective National Authority.
7. Additional information about this meeting or registration for it may be obtained from the Implementation Support Branch of the International Cooperation and Assistance Division of the OPCW. The contact persons are Ms Beatrix Lahoupe (Email: beatrix.lahoupe@opcw.org) and Ms Olukemi Adenuga (Email: olukemi.adenuga@opcw.org; Tel: +31 (0) 70 416 3923).

Annex: Provisional Programme

Annex**TWENTY-FIRST REGIONAL MEETING OF NATIONAL AUTHORITIES
OF STATES PARTIES IN EASTERN EUROPE****(ONLINE)****22 – 23 JUNE 2022****PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME****Time in Central European Standard Time**

Time	Activity
<i>Wednesday, 22 June 2022</i>	
10:00 – 10:10	Opening remarks
10:10 – 10:20	Overview of the meeting programme and objectives
10:20 – 10:30	Follow-up on issues raised during the previous regional and annual meetings
10:30 – 10:50	Presentation: “Update on OPCW capacity-building support related to the implementation of Articles VI and VII of the Convention”, followed by Q&A
10:50 – 11:10	Presentation: “Update on the OPCW capacity-building support related to implementation of Article X of the Convention”, followed by Q&A
11:10 – 11:30	Presentation: “Update on the OPCW capacity-building support related to implementation of Article XI of the Convention”, followed by Q&A
11:30 – 11:40	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:40 – 12:20	National presentations on good practices, challenges, and needs related to capacity building
12:20 – 12:30	Summary of Day 1
<i>Thursday, 23 June 2022</i>	
10:00 – 10:45	Presentation: “Updates on Article VI declarations and related projects”
10:45 – 11:00	Q&A session and discussion
11:00 – 11:30	Presentation: “Update on OPCW inspections and related issues”, followed by Q&A
11:30 – 11:40	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:40 – 12:00	Presentation: “Overview of policy-related issues”, followed by Q&A
12:00 – 12:20	Presentation: “Preparation for the Fifth Review Conference”, followed by Q&A
12:20 – 12:40	Presentation: “Broadening geographic representation among OPCW staff and the role of National Authorities”, followed by Q&A
12:40 – 12:50	Summary of Day 2
12:50 – 13:00	Closing remarks